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RE Official information request CDHB 10575

I refer to your email dated 30 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

Can I please have the number of children (aged 0-14) recorded by your DHB with the following conditions in the years 2014, 2017 and 2020?

- whooping cough
- rheumatic fever

Please refer to **Table One** below, which shows the number of children (aged 0-14) who were reported with the notifiable diseases Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and with Rheumatic Fever for the calendar years 2014, 2017 and 2020 within Canterbury DHB.

The number of Pertussis cases includes those confirmed and classed as probable and suspect. The number of Rheumatic Fever cases includes those confirmed and classed as probable.

Table One: Number of Children reported with Pertussis and Rheumatic Fever in Canterbury.

Number of Children reported with Notifiable Disease			
Notifiable Disease	2014	2017	2020
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	30	92	4
Rheumatic Fever (initial attack)	2	1	4

- bronchiolitis
- broncho pneumonia
- serious dental disease
- malnutrition

Please refer to **Table Two** below, which shows the number of children (aged 0-14) who were recorded as having had the following four conditions in the calendar years 2014, 2017 and 2020 within Canterbury DHB: Bronchiolitis, Broncho Pneumonia, Hospital Dental Surgery admission, and Malnutrition.

Please note: Serious dental disease is not defined and coded as such in our data systems, therefore we cannot report on this definition. We have instead provided data on the numbers of children who were admitted to Christchurch hospital for dental surgery for calendar years 2014, 2017 and 2020.

Table Two: Number of children recorded with various medical conditions in Canterbury.

Number of Children Recorded with Various Medical Conditions			
Condition	2014	2017	2020
Bronchiolitis	363	394	136
Broncho Pneumonia	3	2	1
Dental Surgery Admissions	742	649	682
Malnutrition	10	10	39

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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